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In re Application of:

Kouji Seki

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DRIVING MECHANISM

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S.

Patent Office the following references:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 4-26440 w/English Abstract
Japanese Patent Publication No. 64-18454 w/English Abstract
Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-52404 w/English Translation
Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-329361 w/English Translation
Japanese Patent Publication No. 04-263130 w/English Abstract.

Copies of these references and Form PTO-A820 are attached.

It is not believed that these references affect the patentability of the present claims and are being brought to the attention of the US Patent Office since they were cited in a co-pending foreign application.

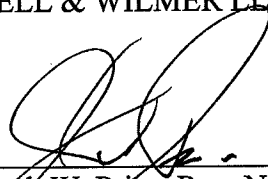
It is not believed that these references disclose the dry base movement means for moving a dry base into a space that is produced through a division of a disk holder, a disk clamping

mechanism that is driven by the drive base movement means nor a single drive source that allows a serial operation of the dry base movement means, a floating lock mechanism and the disk clamp mechanism.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Price', is written over a horizontal line.

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